

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-137 were originally presented for consideration in this application. Claims 1-4, 11-15, 35, 38-43, 50-52, 54-59, 74, 81-84, 86-93 and 96-137 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 5-10, 16-34, 36, 37, 44-49, 53, 60-73, 75-80, 85, 94 and 95 are currently pending in this application.

Notes taken by the undersigned attorney for the applicants indicate that claims 1-34, 36-56, 60-80, 82, 85, 86, 93-99, 103-119, 121, 122 and 126-128 were elected in response to the telephoned requirement for restriction. However, the listing contained in the Office Action does not include claims 56, 127 and 128. In any event, these claims have been canceled above.

The examiner's indication that claims 7-10, 16-34, 36, 37, 44-49, 53, 70, 71, 75-80, 85, 94 and 95 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Of these, claims 7, 16, 17, 19, 36, 44-47, 53, 70, 71, 75, 85, 94 and 95 have been rewritten in independent form. It may now be seen that these claims and their dependents are now in allowable form.

Claims 1-6, 11-15, 38-43, 50-52, 54, 55, 60, 96, 99 and 103 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,964,288 to Leighton, and claims 61-69, 72-74, 82, 86, 93, 97, 98, 104-119, 121, 122 and 126 are rejected as being obvious over the Leighton reference. By the above amendment, the claims (other than claims 5 and 6) rejected as being anticipated have been canceled, and the claims rejected as being obvious have

been made dependent from allowable claim 19, or have been canceled. Thus, the rejections of these claims are now moot.

Regarding claims 5 and 6, please note that these claims have been rewritten in independent form above, and the rejections of these claims are respectfully traversed. Claim 5 recites that the inner shell is displaced into the outer shell after the outer shell is expanded in the well. Claim 6 recites that the inner shell is expanded within the outer shell after the outer shell is expanded in the well.

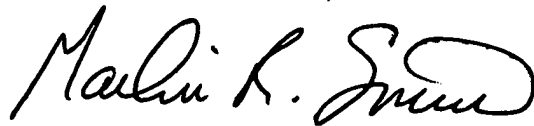
The Leighton reference does not describe displacing an inner shell into an outer shell after the outer shell is expanded in the well, nor does the Leighton reference describe expanding an inner shell within an outer shell after the outer shell is expanded in a well. Therefore, claims 5 and 6 are not anticipated by Leighton, and the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 5 and 6.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all of the claims pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of claims 5-10, 16-34, 36, 37, 44-49, 53, 60-73, 75-80, 85, 94 and 95 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 516-0030 if such would expedite the prosecution of the application.

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